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Report of the Secretary-General

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I. CONSIDERATION OF NOTIFICATIONS RECOMMENDING RESCHEDULING OR DESCHEDULING UNDER ARTICLE 2 OF THE CONVENTION ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES, 1971

A. Notification recommending rescheduling

1. Since the drafting of the report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.7/1991/17, paragraphs 1-6) on the implementation of international drug control treaties, replies have been received from an additional 11 countries 1/ regarding the Secretary-General's note (NAR/CL.21/1990) dated 8 November 1990, which dealt with a World Health Organization (WHO) notification recommending that delta-9-tetrahydrocannabinol (delta-9-THC) and its stereochemical variants should be rescheduled from Schedule I to Schedule II of the Convention on Psychotropic Substances of 1971. 2/

2. Three of the countries 3/ were not in favour of the WHO recommendation. In the replies from two of those countries, 4/ it was stated that such a transfer would not be an advantage from a medical point of view and could raise problems because of possible confusion between cannabis and delta-9-THC. In the replies from two countries, 5/ it was stated that no economic, social, legal, administrative or other factors were known that could be considered relevant to the possible rescheduling of the substance; another country 6/ did not have any comments. Four countries 7/ had no objection to the transfer. In two of those four countries, 8/ the substance was reported to be unavailable.

B. Notification recommending descheduling

3. Since the drafting of the report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.7/1991/17, paragraphs 7-16), replies have been received from an additional 12 countries 9/ regarding the Secretary-General's note (NAR/CL.20/1990) dated 8 November 1990, which dealt with a WHO notification recommending that propylhexedrine (N,α-dimethylcyclohexaneethylamine) should be deleted from Schedule IV of the Convention and should not be transferred to any other Schedule of the Convention.

4. Two of the countries 10/ did not agree with the WHO recommendation. Of those two, one 11/ pointed out that descheduling propylhexedrine might lead to commercial initiatives to promote medical use of the substance, thereby increasing the risk of abuse; that country also pointed out that it would reserve its position on the matter. In the reply from one country, 12/ it was stated that no economic, social, legal, administrative or other factors were known that could be considered relevant to the question of descheduling; another country 6/ did not have any comments. Eight countries 13/ had no objection to descheduling the substance. In four of those countries 14/ the substance was reported to be unavailable and in two of them 15/ it was reported to be under national control.

II. CONSIDERATION OF A NOTIFICATION PROPOSING THE TERMINATION OF EXEMPTIONS GRANTED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF ARTICLE 3 OF THE CONVENTION ON PSYCHOTROPIC SUBSTANCES, 1971

Exemptions granted by the Government of the United States of America

5. Since the drafting of the report of the Secretary-General (E/CN.7/1991/17, paragraphs 17-24), replies have been received from an additional 11 countries 16/

regarding the Secretary-General's note (NAR/CL.19/1990) dated 8 November 1990, which dealt with a WHO notification recommending that the exemption of 55 preparations containing butalbital be terminated, so that the requirements of article 12, paragraph 2, of the Convention should apply to those preparations.

6. One of the countries 17/ did not agree with the WHO recommendation. In the replies from two countries, 5/ it was stated that no economic, social, legal, administrative or other factors were known that could be considered relevant to the question of the exemption of these preparations; in one of those two countries, 18/ butalbital was reported to be unavailable. A fourth country 6/ did not have any comments. In a fifth country, 19/ butalbital and preparations containing that substance were reported to be unavailable and no abuse or illicit traffic had been registered. Six countries 20/ had no objection to the exemption of such preparations. In one of those six countries, 21/ those preparations were reported to be unavailable and in another 22/ butalbital was under national control; a third 23/ pointed out that those preparations should be made available only on prescription.

Notes

1/ Bulgaria, Cayman Islands, Cyprus, Finland, France, Germany, India, Malaysia, New Zealand, South Africa and Thailand.

2/ United Nations, Treaty Series, vol. 1019, No. 14956.

3/ Bulgaria, France and South Africa.

4/ Bulgaria and France.

5/ Cayman Islands and India.

6/ Cyprus.

7/ Finland, Germany, Malaysia and Thailand.

8/ Finland and Malaysia.

9/ Bulgaria, Cayman Islands, Cyprus, Finland, France, Germany, India, Malaysia, Netherlands, Philippines, Saudi Arabia and Thailand.

10/ Bulgaria and Netherlands.

11/ Netherlands.

12/ Cayman Islands.

13/ Finland, France, Germany, India, Malaysia, Philippines, Saudi Arabia and Thailand.

14/ Finland, India, Philippines and Saudi Arabia.

15/ Malaysia and Philippines.

16/ Bulgaria, Cameroon, Cayman Islands, Cyprus, Finland, India, Malaysia, Netherlands, Philippines, Thailand and Turkey.

17/ Cameroon.

18/ India.

19/ Bulgaria.

20/ Finland, Malaysia, Netherlands, Philippines, Thailand and Turkey.

21/ Malaysia.

22/ Philippines.

23/ Finland.